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SENATE ACTIONS

- Approved curriculum proposals.
- Adopting a motion recommending a change to University rule 3359-60-03.3 about repeating courses.

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MINUTES OF THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the Faculty Senate took place Thursday, November 2, 2017 in room 201 of the Buckingham Center for Continuing Education. Senate Chair William D. Rich called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

Of the current roster of 64 senators, 47 attended the meeting. Senators Budd, Elliott, Fielding, Haritos and Kidd were absent with notice. Senators Blackledge, Braun, Broadway, Dhinojwala, Foster, Hariharan, Hreno, Kandray, McKnight, Simms and Srivatsan were absent without notice.

I. Adoption of Agenda

On Senator Clark's motion, the minutes were adopted without dissent.

II. Adoption of Minutes of October 5 meeting

On Senator Monaco's motion, the minutes were adopted without dissent.

III. Remarks of the Chairman

Chair Rich remarked:

On our agenda today are the approval of curriculum changes reported out by the Curriculum Review Committee and a University rule change proposed by the Academic Policies Committee that would eliminate an often disregarded prohibition on students repeating a course at another university. Students would still need to obtain the permission of the dean to repeat a course elsewhere, as they do with all transient course work under the recently revised rule governing that subject.

The College of Health Professions has recently finished conducting its run-off elections. Christine Graor of the School of Nursing was elected to fill the College's one remaining vacant Senate seat.

President Wilson is traveling on University business. He will not be here this afternoon to offer remarks. He did mention to me some success he's recently had raising funds for the restoration of the baseball program.

As a result of meetings with Dean Tudor and Provost Ramsier, the Academic Policies Committee has begun to discuss the relationship between the approximately twenty full-time faculty members at Wayne College and the academic departments and schools in the other colleges of this University. This discussion has occurred in conjunction with Dean Tudor's proposal to offer several additional baccalaureate programs at Wayne.

I am told that, currently, about half the students who start at Wayne and ultimately pursue a baccalaureate degree do so at Akron, while the other half do so at other universities. I believe there is an opportunity to retain more of these students, and attract others, by offering more baccalaureate degrees at Wayne, but there is also a danger of cannibalizing the courses and programs here by syphoning off students who would otherwise come to Akron if decisions about what to offer at Wayne are not made carefully and collectively by the people in the relevant disciplines who know the programs well and have both sets of interests at heart. Increasing baccalaureate program offerings at Wayne would also heighten the need for mechanisms to ensure consistency between the academic programs offered at Wayne and the corresponding programs offered at Akron.

Accordingly, I believe that the expansion of baccalaureate offerings at Wayne must be accompanied by a much closer relationship between the Wayne faculty and the Akron faculty than has existed historically or exists currently. Indeed, I think we need to consider how we might integrate the Wayne faculty into the academic departments here. Decisions about course and program offerings at Wayne and, I would add, at other locations such as Medina, Lorain, and Eastern Gateway, should be the responsibility of the department chairs or school directors in the relevant academic disciplines, in consultation with their faculties, including the faculty members at Wayne. This roughly is the model that has been used successfully by other universities, including our most successful competitors that have extensive branch-campus systems. It is, however, a change that must be worked out at the departmental level and not just at the university level. There are many important details to be resolved at the departmental level.

I urge the faculty and chairs here at Akron to reach out to the Wayne faculty members in their respective academic disciplines—to build relationships where none have existed and to strengthen those that already exist. At the very least, I hope that Wayne faculty members will be invited to regularly attend departmental faculty meetings here in Akron. Let's start talking to each other.

This concludes my remarks.

IV. Special Announcements

Senator Sterns spoke briefly in memory of Dr. Helmar Dollwet, who retired from the faculty of the Biology Department in 1993 and passed away on October 25, 2017. Dr. Dollwet attended the University of Michigan and earned his Ph.D. from Stanford before coming to the University of Akron, where he served as the Chair of Biology for many years.

[The Senate rose for a moment of silence in memory of our deceased colleagues.]

V. Report of the Executive Committee

Secretary Miller reported:

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate met three times since the last regular meeting.

As usual, we met to prepare for our monthly meeting with the President and Provost. At this meeting we set an agenda for that meeting.

With the President and Provost, we discussed the state of the budget, summer semester scheduling, enrollment, admissions, academic program review, the cost of materials in the library, and the relationship between Wayne College and the University's other colleges.

We then met after this meeting to conduct regular senate business. We appointed members to the new Interdisciplinary Council and we certified an election. We discussed a forthcoming report from the Academic Policies Committee and set the agenda for today's meeting.

VI. Remarks of the Senior Vice President and Provost

Provost Ramsier apologized on behalf of President Wilson for his inability to attend the Senate meeting. He noted that President Wilson was out west recruiting students, advancing the agenda on the eSports initiative and raising money.

Provost Ramsier reported the President has convened a task force for improving our performance in the summer. The goals will be improving revenue as well as progress to degree. He invited faculty with ideas about improving our summers to send them to Barbara Weinzeirl, Chief of Staff in the Office of the President.

Provost Ramsier explained that they are releasing endowment funds for student scholarships early, based on estimates, to help departments, colleges, and schools recruit.

Provost Ramsier reported that his office was working hard to respond to the Chancellor's office and submit a number of reports including the efficiency study and the STEM study. He noted that our new dashboards were very helpful in completing the latter report.

Provost Ramsier reported that the textbook committee has been meeting—a joint Senate and UC working group. He praised this work as timely and related a summary of a phone call earlier in the day with the IUC Provosts. The state government is not going to let up on asking for proactive action on lowering the cost of textbooks.

Provost Ramsier shared that a report is due on remedial coursework at the end of December but we do not yet have instructions for how to complete it.

Provost Ramsier noted that a report on duplicate programs, like last year's, is due, and may be ready before the December Senate meeting. Either way, he expressed his intention to bring this to the Senate before the Board approves it in February.

Provost Ramsier explained that there is now a requirement that tenure guidelines provide a pathway to tenure through commercialization, and that he has asked the deans to ask the chairs to go back and look at their RTP guidelines. Faculty will need to review this. If faculty wish to revise their RTP guidelines to include such a pathway, he reminded the Senate, they will need a two-thirds majority vote in their department before submitting the revised guidelines for further approvals.

College Credit Plus is a big thing at the statehouse, he reported. The state is discussing eligibility requirements. There are none; seventh graders who meet the pre-reqs can join up. What courses are they allowed to take is another hot topic. It has been suggested that this should be limited to general education and TAG courses.

Provost Ramsier made himself available for questions.

Senator Clark asked for an expanded explanation of "commercialization."

Provost Ramsier described the law as a sentence that says people should be able to get tenure through "commercialization" and this word is not defined. Conceptually, he remarked, this appears to work better for fields where faculty pursue patents. In another case, faculty in a language department were developing software that might have commercial potential. The state would like such things to count toward tenure.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Review Committee – Senator Saliga

On behalf of the committee, Senator Saliga brought forward curriculum proposals for approval (see appendix A). The motion was adopted without dissent.

B. Academic Policies Committee – Chair Klein

Senator Klein presented and read the written report (see appendix B). The motion was adopted without dissent.

C. Computing and Communications Technology – Chair Randby

Senator Randby submitted an informational report (see appendix C).

VIII. Report of University Council Representatives – Senators Roy & Allen

Senator Roy noted that not a lot took place worth reporting at the meeting of October 10. Senator Roy noted that there was a call for service on an ad hoc Committee for Development.

Senator Sterns spoke of the joint committee being formed to look at how human development.

Chair Rich encouraged the faculty interested in serving on this committee to contact Senator Sterns, Chair Rich, or Secretary Miller.

Senator Sterns announced that the University of Akron is joining a list of universities that are age-friendly. There should be more publicity advertising that we meet various criteria.

IX. Report of Graduate Council Representatives – Senators Allen & Soucek

Senator Allen reported on two items. First, there has been a clarification on graduate funding for students past the fifth year. The graduate school will cover the tuition if external support will cover the stipend. Second, there is a new policy on graduate faculty status. In the past, we had graduate 1 and graduate 2 status. We will now have three categories of graduate faculty status. In the past, he explained, if you had Grad 1 or Grad 2 faculty status, you will always have the new Grad 1 faculty status, which is that you will be able to teach graduate level courses.

The new Grad 2 faculty status means that you will be able to teach and supervise theses. Grad 3 faculty status will be everything with Grad 2 plus be able to chair dissertation committees.

Chair Rich remarked that this is in the nature of legislation and thus much be reported for action to the Senate.

Senator Allen agreed to send this to the Senate.

Dean Midha took the floor to explain that the Graduate Faculty meeting that would consider this at meetings in the spring.

Provost Ramsier agreed that the graduate faculty committee should vote on this at the April meeting and then it would come to the Senate for approval in May.

Dean Midha and Provost Ramsier restated the proposal, in agreement with the description provided by Senator Allen.

Chair Rich encouraged such proposals to be put in writing.

Senator Schulze asked what would happen to ad hoc status.

Dean Midha explained that the ad hoc status is for faculty that are not on the tenure track.

Senator Schulze asked if there has been discussion of changing the status of NTT faculty from ad hoc to category 1.

Dean Midha replied that this discussion began but was suspended in a mutual understanding that the Graduate Council would need to consult with AAUP.

Senator Schulze expressed a willingness to follow up on this.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Good of the Order

Senator Roy presented two items on behalf of the AAUP. First, to recognize Senator Schulze's letter to the Board of Trustees in regard to a national search for Provost. Second, to encourage faculty to attend Faculty First Fridays tomorrow at the Lockview.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.

—Jon Miller, Secretary.

Questions and comments about the minutes can be emailed to mjon@uakron.edu or called in to x6202.

Curriculum Proposals for November 2017 Faculty Senate Appendix A

Proposal Number	Proposal Title
SUMM-ASSOC-17-21026	Communication Option
SUMM-ENGRSCI-17-19908	Certificate Program in Construction Field Operations
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-16-17144	Intelligence: Cyber and Homeland Security
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-16-19048	Digital Forensic Imaging
CHP-SOCIAL-16-18687	Advanced Social Work Practice: Evaluation
CHP-NURIN-17-21609	Advanced Mental Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
A&S-POLSC-17-21345	Politics and the Media
A&S-POLSC-17-21104	American Interest Groups
A&S-POLSC-17-21347	Politics and the Media
SUMM-PUBSVCTECH-17-20464	Fire Sprinkler System Design
A&S-POLSC-17-20030	National Security
BUS-MARKET-17-20565	Social Media Marketing
BUS-MARKET-17-20786	Marketing Research Lab
BUS-MARKET-17-21033	Marketing Research
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-19907	Business Management Technology
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-19929	Business Mgmt Tech - Acct
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-19930	Business Mgmt Tech - Small Bus
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-19945	Troubleshooting Complex IP-based Networks
SUMM-BUSTECH-16-17615	Business Management Technology
BUS-MARKET-17-20539	Marketing Principles
CHP-NURIN-17-19944	Nursing RN/BSN Akron
CHP-SPLANG-17-20621	Clinical Issues in Child Language
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-20753	Elements of Human Resource Management
SUMM-BUSTECH-17-20358	Professional Communications and Presentations

APC Senate Report

November 2, 2017

The APC proposes that University Regulation 3359 60-03.3 be amended as indicated in the attached document. The principal reason for the rule change is to allow a student to repeat a course for credit at another institution. The rule used to include a sentence (placed in the division now denoted as (E)), which disallowed such a repeat. However, students have sometimes been allowed to repeat a course at another institution; for example, if a student needed to repeat a Math course during the summer after her/his first year in order to keep on schedule but would be away from Akron in the summer, that student would repeat the course at another institution. The APC considered it appropriate to change the rule to conform to historical practice because there are times when students have legitimate reasons to repeat a course elsewhere (which reasons do *not* include more relaxed grading standards at another university). In the course of discussing this proposed change, APC members discovered some other provisions of the rule to be in need of clarification.

In summary, we propose to

- remove from the rule a sentence that disallows a course repeat at another institution. A student could now be allowed to take a class away from Akron over the summer break, for example, to keep on track to graduate. As with other transient coursework by UA students, students wishing to repeat a course elsewhere would have to obtain permission in accordance with University regulation 3359-60-03.1 (as recently revised).
- add to the rule a new paragraph (now Division (I)) to clarify how other rules apply to a course repeated at another institution.
- make several editorial changes, including the rewording of certain sentences to clarify the provisions or to make the language more consistent and coherent.

Undergraduate students may repeat a course twice. Undergraduate students may repeat a course more than twice with the permission of the dean of their degree-granting college or, if they are not yet admitted to a degree-granting college, by the dean of their intended degree-granting college or, if they have not yet declared a major, by the dean of the college offering the course. All course repeats are subject to the following conditions:

- (A) To receive a new grade of "A" through "F," a student may repeat a course in which the previously received grade was a "C-," "D+," "D-," "F-," "CR," "NC," or "AUD."
- (B) To receive a new grade of "CR" or "NC," a student may repeat a course in which the previously received grade was a "NC." Registrations under the "CR/NC" option are subject to the restrictions in the "CR/NC" policy.
- (C) To receive a new grade of "A" through "F," or "CR" or "NC," a student may repeat a course in which the previously received grade was an "AUD." Registrations under the "CR/NC" option are subject to the restrictions in the "CR/NC" policy.
- (D) A course in which the previously received grade was "A" through "F," or "CR" or "NC," may be repeated for a grade of "AUD"; however, the grade of "AUD" does not replace the previously received grade.
- (E) With the dean's permission, a student may substitute another course if the previous course is no longer offered.
- (F) Grades for all attempts at a course will appear on the student's official academic record.
- (G) Only the grade for the last attempt at a course at The University of Akron will be used in calculating the grade point average.
- (H) Grades for all attempts at a course at The University of Akron will be used in the grade point calculation for the purpose of determining graduation with honors and class rank if applicable.
- (I) A student who wishes to receive credit or satisfy a prerequisite by repeating a course at another institution must satisfy the conditions and receive the permissions specified for transient students in Rule 3359-60-03.1(B). A course repeated at another institution for transient credit will count toward the two repeats allowed without the dean's permission. A course repeated at another institution will not be used in the calculation of the grade point average.
- (J) Regardless of where a course is taken, credit for the course or its equivalent will apply only once toward meeting degree requirements.

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Computing & Communications Technologies Committee

Subject: Computing & Communications Technologies Committee meeting report

Meeting Date: *[2017-10-17 Tue]*

The CCTC met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Scott Randby was elected to serve as chair for the academic year.

A subcommittee of the CCTC has been formed to work on replacing the curriculum proposal system. Demos from two companies will be scheduled and input from the campus community will be obtained by the subcommittee.

The CCTC will arrange to meet with IT to discuss the implementation of a regular laptop replacement program. Such a program was part of the laptop replacement resolution passed by the Faculty Senate last year.

A subcommittee will be formed to work on the online evaluation of teaching system. The system is in need of replacement.

Scott Randby
CCTC Chair